



Department of Mental Health Stakeholder Education Summary

Proposition 63 – Mental Health Services Act (MHSA)

The passage of Proposition 63 (known as the Mental Health Services Act, or MHSA) in November 2004, provided the opportunity for the California Department of Mental Health (DMH) to increase funding, personnel, and other resources to support county mental health programs and monitor progress toward statewide goals for children, transition age youth, adults, older adults, and families. The MHSA imposes a 1% California state income tax on personal income in excess of \$1 million. Much of the funding has been provided to county mental health programs to fund activities consistent with their local plans. An extensive stakeholder process was held in 2005 to share the State's implementation efforts.

Assembly Bill 100 (AB 100), Committee on Budget, Mental Health Services Act

The enactment of Assembly Bill (AB) 100 significantly changed the responsibilities of DMH in the administration of the MHSA. AB 100 amended the Welfare and Institutions Code and eliminated the requirement that DMH and the Mental Health Services Oversight and Accountability Commission review, comment on, and approve County Plans and annual updates. In keeping with the Governor's intent to place decision-making authority at the level closest to the people who benefit from the services, AB 100 presents an opportunity to streamline and improve policies and procedures to allow counties to more effectively implement MHSA funded programs. Therefore, the day-to-day activities and operations related to the implementation of the MHSA have been realigned to the counties.

New departmental structures to be discussed at the California Community Services Stakeholder Meetings, 2011-2012:

- Department of Health Care Services (DHCS), DMH, and Alcohol and Drug Programs (ADP) Medi-Cal transfer (AB 102 and AB 106)
 - AB 102, Committee on Budget, Health – California's Health Budget Trailer Bill for Fiscal Year 2011-12 (AB 102) directs the Department of Health Care Services (DHCS) and the Department of Mental Health (DMH) to create a State administrative and programmatic transition plan to guide the transfer of the Medi-Cal specialty mental health and EPSDT Program services to DHCS, effective July 1, 2012. The bill also requires the departments to convene a series of meetings and forums with stakeholders to include their input in the creation of the transition plan. It is the intent of the Legislature to consolidate state administrative functions for the operation of Medi-Cal specialty mental health services and to transition those functions to the State Department of Health Care Services in order to (a) improve access to mental health services, including a focus on recovery and rehabilitation services, (b) more effectively integrate the financing of services, (c) improve state accountabilities and outcomes, and (d) provide focused, high-level leadership for behavioral health services.



- AB 106, Committee on Budget, Human Services - California's Health Budget Trailer Bill for Fiscal Year 2011-12 (AB 106) directs DHCS and ADP to create a State administrative and programmatic transition plan to guide the transfer of the Drug Medi-Cal Program to DHCS, effective July 1, 2012. AB 106 requires DHCS to submit a transition plan to the California Legislature by October 1, 2011.

Community mental health policy, program and implementation

- DMH is convening a series of community mental health stakeholder meetings throughout the State to inform people about changes to state-level mental health administration and listen to ideas, input, and concerns regarding the DMH non-Medi-Cal activities and programs. This input will be summarized in a report to the Legislature, due February 1, 2012.

DMH Community Services Division 2011-2012

- Transfer Medi-Cal functions to DHCS by July 1, 2012
- Office of Mental Health Services Act (OMHSA)- 19 Total Positions
 - Housing
 - Suicide Prevention
 - Stigma Mitigation
 - Data Collection and Reporting
 - Contract Administration
 - California National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI)
 - California Network of Mental Health Clients
 - Office of Multicultural Services
 - United Advocates for Children and Families
 - California Institute for Mental Health
 - Federal and State Grant Administration
 - Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) Community Development Block Grant
 - Project for Assistance in Transition from Homelessness (PATH)
 - Early Mental Health Initiative (EMHI)